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**Mayor Jackson Statement on Graphic Painting Displayed at
Biggies Gas Station**

The graphic painting displayed at Biggies Gas Station at 2165 E. 55th Street is totally unacceptable and is offensive to City of Cleveland and its residents. Many residents, commuters and visitors have expressed outrage over this graphic image. The City of Cleveland shares in that outrage.

“There is no place in Cleveland for this inappropriate image and I am urging the owners of this establishment to remove it immediately,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. Mayor Jackson has dispatched Blaine Griffin, Executive Director of the Community Relations Board to Biggies Gas station to express his extreme displeasure and to demand that it be removed immediately.

“During these summer months, Cleveland Schools will no longer be in session and many of our children will be outside enjoying their well-earned time off,” said Director Blaine Griffin. “To allow this image to continue to exist is inexcusable and abominable.”

The image is racially, ethnically and religiously offensive and intolerant. The City of Cleveland will explore all legal avenues to have this painting removed from these premises, immediately.